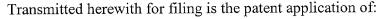


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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND

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